

# NewsLink

6 September - 20 September 2020



Churches of North  
Bradford on Avon  
& Villages

Dear friends

This year we missed our APCMs in our churches because of Covid-19 and the Bishop delayed the date until the end of October. Current office holders remain in place until then but we are now arranging dates for these meetings. We are able to meet in church as long as the usual social distancing arrangements are in place.

Some post-holders will have reached the end of their allocated time and will be stepping down, others are stepping down to give others the opportunity to stand.

During the weeks to come, Church Secretaries will be contacting those on their Electoral Rolls to advise them of the new date and advising of vacancies on their PCC in the anticipation that others will offer to stand.

Do please pray about this and consider if God is calling you to use your gifts and talents to serve your church community. We are all the body of Christ and we need people to come forward with differing gifts and talents so that when we are put together, we make up the whole body. Each church will then be spiritually richer for that.

If you would like to find out more, do please ask me or any of the churchwardens or secretaries. Putting a toe in the water to enquire, is not committing you to anything!

Denise Leigh, our churchwarden at Christ Church advised last year that she was unlikely to be standing again. Many of you will be aware that Denise has been very ill recently and she has asked me to share this with you.

Denise ended up in hospital at the RUH during which tests revealed that through some acquired immune deficiency, Denise has been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes.

She would like everyone to be aware in case of future hypo attacks. Meanwhile, she is learning to balance her food intake with insulin. If anyone can do this efficiently and effectively, it will be Denise!

Very importantly, Denise also asked me to share with you that she never once felt alone.

We speak often of God being with us and Denise experienced this throughout feeling unwell at home and during her time in hospital. We thank God for this and I'm sure Denise will tell us more in due course.

Thankfully, Denise is feeling much stronger now and welcomes phone calls and visitors. It will be a while however before she recovers her full strength so she will be lying low for a while longer.

Denise, we miss you, we wish you a speedy recovery and may you continue to experience God's presence supporting you.

With love from us all.

**Ann, Rector**

## Philippians 4: 6-9

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

**St Peters at Monkton Farleigh** have planned an outdoor service on **Sunday 13 Sept**, at what used to be the normal time of 10.00am.

Please come you are welcome. Bring waterproofs if necessary. It would be helpful if you can let us know if you plan to join us.

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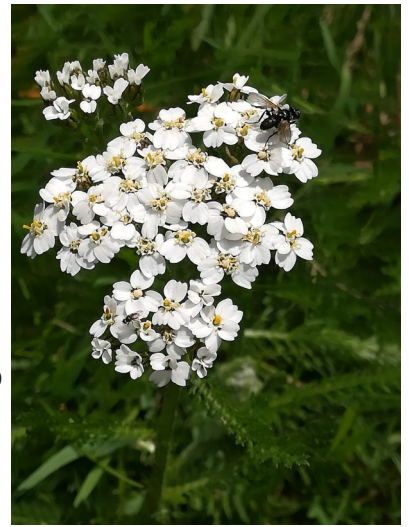
I come to you God and I place before you my dreams,  
 My hurts and fears, my failures and my doubts,  
 I lay them down at your feet, where I know they are held.  
 It may look foolish to the world, it may not make much sense,  
 But I know the bigger story, I know what's to come.  
 In this world of fear, I choose hope,  
 In this world of anger, I choose forgiveness,  
 In this world of exclusion, I choose love,  
 In this world of distraction, I choose you.  
 Remind me of your truth Lord, especially in the waiting,  
 When times are hard and I'm struggling to hear your voice.  
 Fill me afresh with your presence, remind me of your great plan,  
 And let the truth sink in that I need only you.  
 Amen. **Rachel Adams**

### **From Lawn to Meadow - part 3.**

Our lockdown project was to change our rather weedy lawn to a wildflower meadow. Things have not gone smoothly, but it has given me something to aim for. Having prepared the area by cutting the grass short and raking out the moss, the purchased seed mix was sown. Cue the weather to give us very hot and dry weeks, when rain followed it was heavy and the temperature fell, and then there were the thunderstorms and extreme winds. No seedlings seemed to sprout for weeks, so I resorted to sowing in compost in pots and transplanting the seedlings when big enough. Since then some seedlings have appeared, but frustratingly just one (common vetch) has flowered. The others have clumps of leaves, and I am hoping they are perennials and will overwinter and flower next year.

All was not lost though, as simply leaving the lawn uncut after that first cut has revealed that a number of plants were already in the lawn but just not flowering due to frequent mowing. Of course dandelions and daisies had always appeared, but now other things appeared in sequence over the weeks. Purple violets mingled with blue germander speedwell, then spotted medick and black medick showed their tiny yellow flowers. A single pink herb robert flowered at the same time as the red clover, plus a purple deadnettle and a white deadnettle. Then it was time for the purple selfheal and white clover. Taller plants were the white yarrow which have been in flower for weeks but now forming seed-heads, and the yellow common cat's ear and the orange hawkbit or 'fox & cubs'.

I'll have to weed out some of the last two as they are invasive and will out-compete other plants.  
 Now I'm cutting back the grass again around the clumps of wildflowers as the wet weather has meant it has grown fast. I'll also need to rake out the dead thatch and the moss that I see is growing again, so that I can make a further sowing of the wildflower mixes. I'm hopeful that next year we will see more of the wildflowers. **Ann Chapman**



### **The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation**

The hatred which divides nation from nation,  
 race from race, class from class  
 Father, forgive  
 The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own.  
 Father, forgive  
 The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth.  
 Father, forgive  
 Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others.  
 Father, forgive  
 Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee  
 Father, forgive  
 The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children  
 Father, forgive  
 The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God.  
 Father, forgive  
 Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Shared by Rosemary Wiggins**

**Christ Church APCM** is being held on October 1st in Christ Church at 19.00. Further details to follow.

**St Nicholas APCM** The St Nicholas Annual Parochial Church Meeting together with the associated elections which were originally scheduled for 31st March will now be held on Friday 2nd October 2020 at 11.00am in the church. Further details will be sent shortly to all parishioners on the St Nicholas church roll.

This Sunday's service will be available on the our website [www.nboachurches.co.uk](http://www.nboachurches.co.uk)  
 Each fortnight we will also publish your photos, bible verses that have spoken to you, reflections and poems in News Link or on the website. Next News Link due on **27 September**. Please submit all content by **Tues 22 September**. If you know someone who can not access News Link online and who would prefer a hard copy, please send their name and postal address to Ann Keating. We will post a copy to them by Royal Mail in keeping with the C of E guidelines for safe distribution.

## **Baptisms**

### **Sunday 6 September**

**2.00 pm:** Austin Stuart Rupert Townsend  
 St Nicholas Church, Winsley  
 (Ann)

## **Funerals**

### **Friday 11 September**

**2.30pm:** Elizabeth Ann Ross Wallace  
 Former member of Christ Church  
 Semington Crematorium (Ann)

### **Wednesday 23 September**

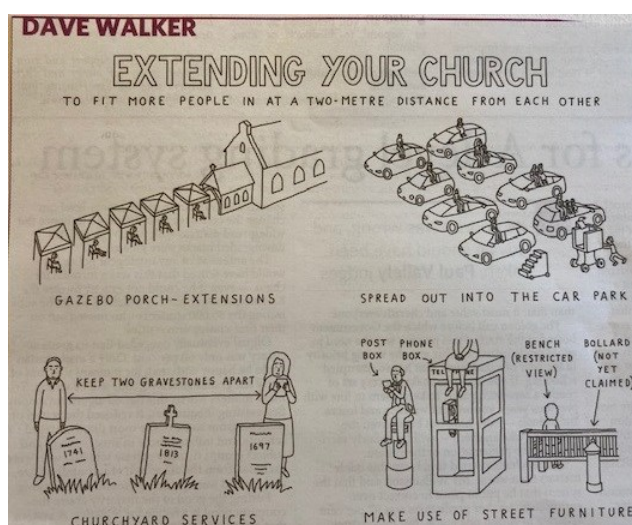
**11.00am:** Michael William Tucker  
 Service in St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh  
 Followed by burial in the churchyard (Ann)

### **Office opening hours for September:**

Wed 9 Sept 12.30 - 3.30pm

Wed 23 Sept 9.00 - 3.00pm

Sept 30 Sept 9.00 - 3.00pm



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